Abstract

An enhanced system is achieved by allowing bookmarks which can specify that the stream of bits that follow corresponds to phonemes and a plurality of prosody information, including duration information, that is specified for times within the duration of the

5 phonemes. Illustratively, such a stream comprises a flag to enable a duration flag, a flag to enable a pitch contour flag, a flag to enable an energy contour flag, a specification of the number of phonemes that follow, and, for each phoneme, one or more sets of specific prosody information that relates to the phoneme, such as a set of pitch values and their durations.

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